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SUBJ: CERP 4257: PETROLEUM STATISTICS, CY 1977 TRADE, LEBANON

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1. ABSENCE OF DETAILED TRADE RECORD FOR LEBANON SINCE 1975
MAKES FULL CERP REPORTING FOR 1977 IMPOSSIBLE. FIGURES BELOW
WERE OBTAINED FROM OIL INDUSTRY SOURCES INCLUDING TAPLINE AND
THE CALTEX-MOBIL REFINERY MEDRECO. ESTIMATES ARE DESIGNATED
AS SUCH. IF BETTER FIGURES EMERGE FROM GOL SOURCES, POST WILL
REPORT THEM ASAP IN AN UPDATE MESSAGE.

2. CY 1977 DATA FOLLOW:

| ITEM | IMPORT | EXPORT | UNITS |
|--------------|------------|--------|-------|
| CRUDE (TAP) | 11,113,231 | NONE | BBLS |
| CRUDE (IRAQ) | 2,850,000 | NONE | BBLS |
| TOTAL CRUDE | 13,963,231 | NONE | BBLS |

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|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| JET FUEL (A-1) | 52,000 | NONE | M/TONS |
| GASOLINE | 86,000 | NONE | M/TONS |
| FUEL OIL | NONE | 60,000 | M/TONS |

LUBE OILS 18,000 EST. M/TONS

3. NOTES TO ABOVE: TAPLINE IS MAIN SOURCE CRUDE IMPORTS. CRUDE IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH QUALITY ARABIAN LIGHT. EX-IPC REFINERY IN TRIPOLI WHICH NORMALLY IS SUPPLIED FROM TAPLINE VIA COASTAL TANKER PURCHASED 2.85 MILLION BBLs BASRA CRUDE IN AN INDEPENDENT ARRANGEMENT AND WAS EXPENSIVELY SURPRISED ON API WEIGHT AND SULPHUR CONTENT OF THIS SHIPMENT. ATTEMPT TO RUN IT DAMAGED REFINERY. JET FUEL AND GASOLINE IMPORTS SUPPLEMENT SHORTFALLS IN DOMESTIC REFINERY RUNS. REFINERIES PRODUCE SURPLUS FUL OIL AND DIESEL FRACTIONS SOME OF WHICH IN 1977 WERE BLENDED FOR LACK OF SUFFICIENT TANK STORAGE CAPACITY AND 60,000 M/T EXPORTED AS FUEL OIL. LUBE OIL IMPORTS OCCUR BOTH IN FINISHED FORM AND AS BLENDING STOCK BASE TO BE PROCESSED LOCALLY. 18,000-TON ITEM IS APPROX 85 PERCENT OIL, 15 PERCENT GREASE. OF THE OIL COMPONENT, APPROX 70 PERCENT IS AUTO AND 30 PERCENT INDUSTRIAL. MULTIPLICITY OF IMPORT CHANNELS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE OBTAIN PRECISE LUBE OIL IMPORT DATA. DATA ON LPG, BITUMEN AND OTHER CATEGORIES UNAVAILABLE TO DATE FOR 1977. WILL ADVISE WHEN POSSIBLE.

4. VALUE DATA ARE LACKING EXCEPT FOR CRUDE, WHICH GOL BUYS AT \$12.70 PLUS \$.40 TAPLINE FEES OR \$13.10/BBL. IMPORTS OF CRUDE THUS TOTALLED \$182.9 MILLION OR APPROX 549 MILLION LEBANESE POUNDS IN CY 1977.

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